PUBLIC NOTICE

State of South Carolina (SC)
Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ)
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NOTICE OF A DRAFT AIR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

APPALACHIAN ENGINEERED FLOORS (CLINTON PLANT)
877 TORRINGTON ROAD
CLINTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
(LAURENS COUNTY / REGION 1 GREENWOOD EQC OFFICE)
AIR PERMIT NO. 1520-0111-CA

Appalachian Engineered Floors – Clinton Plant (AEF) has applied to the SC DHEC for an air construction permit to construct and operate a wood flooring manufacturing facility at the above listed location. A draft permit and engineering calculation sheets have been written by the BAQ outlining this proposed project and applicable regulations. This permit will enable the facility to construct and operate in compliance with State and Federal Air Quality Regulations. The draft permit has not yet been approved and is open to comment from the public and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

AEF is proposing to construct and operate a new engineered hardwood floor manufacturing process to replace operations destroyed by a fire in October 2006 at its previous location. The facility will manufacture hardwood panels from hardwood veneer sheets. If this permit is approved, federally-enforceable emission limits of less than 100 tons per year (TPY) of Particulate Matter less than 10 Microns in Diameter (PM10) will be established at the facility. Additionally, Particulate Matter (PM) emissions will be limited to less than 250 TPY, thereby enabling the facility to remain below Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) major source thresholds.

In accordance with SC DHEC Regulation 61-62.1, Section II G(5)(d), if approved, and upon issuance of the draft construction permit, no additional public comment period will be required for the facility to obtain a Conditional Major Operating Permit, unless a change in the original construction and/or operational plan is proposed prior to issuance of the construction permits. All emissions limitations and conditions in the draft construction permit have been written to ensure that this facility operates as a Conditional Major Source.

Interested persons may review the materials drafted and maintained by DHEC for this facility and submit written comments on the draft permit by February 8, 2007 to Anna Mooney at the above DHEC address. All comments received by February 8, 2007 will be considered when making a decision to approve, disapprove, or modify the draft permit. Where there is a significant amount of public interest, DHEC may hold a public hearing to receive additional comments. Public hearing requests should be made in writing to Donna Moye at the above DHEC address or by e-mail at: moyedd@dhec.sc.gov. If a public hearing is requested and held, notice will be given in this newspaper thirty (30) days in advance. A request for a final review may be filed after a permit decision has been made. Information regarding final review procedures is available from DHEC's legal office at the above DHEC address or by calling (803) 898-3350. Information relative to the draft permit will be made available for review through February 8, 2007 at the DHEC Columbia Office listed above and at the following location:

SC DHEC, Region 1 Greenwood EQC Office, 613 South Main Street, Greenwood, SC 29646 at (864) 241-1090.

The BAQ maintains a county-based mailing list of persons interested in receiving notification of BAQ public notice actions. If you would like to be added to this list, please submit a request with your name, address, and counties of interest to Donna Moye at the above DHEC address or e-mail. Information on permit decisions and hearing procedures is available by contacting DHEC at either address listed above. Copies of a draft permit or other related documents may be requested in writing at a \$.25 per page charge. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.

This public notice may be viewed through February 8, 2007 on DHEC's website at: http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/eqpnbaq.aspx